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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF REQUEST FOR MEU VISIT

1. USDAO OTTAWA RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM GENERAL R.J. HILLIER TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL J.C. HULY. TEXT FOLLOWS:

FROM: CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF
NATIONAL DEFENCE HEADQUARTERS
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
10 MAY 2005

TO: LIEUTENANT GENERAL JAN C. HULY
DEPUTY COMMANDANT
HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS (PPO)
3000 MARINE CORPS PENTAGON (ROOM 4E318)
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-3000

DEAR JAN,

JUST A BRIEF NOTE TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MY BRIEFING SESSION IN THE PENTAGON LAST MONTH ON THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE CANADIAN FORCES, AND FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORTIVE REMARKS REGARDING MY PROPOSED CREATION OF AN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE FOR THE CANADIAN FORCES.

AS PER OUR FOLLOW ON TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNITS AND WOULD BE THANKFUL FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ONE, ACCOMPANIED BY SOME OF MY STAFF. IF CONVENIENT, A VISIT IN EITHER JUNE OR JULY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE HAVE YOUR STAFF CONTACT MY AIDE DE CAMP, MAJOR TODD SMART, AT (613) 992-8566 OR BY E-MAIL AT SMART.TA(AT)FORCES.GC.CA, TO COORDINATE VISIT ARRANGEMENTS.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

SINCERELY, R.J. HILLIER, GENERAL
END TEXT

2. REQUEST THAT THE VISIT BE SUPPORTED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IT WILL ASSIST CANADIAN EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM ITS MILITARY INTO A MORE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, BETTER ABLE TO UNDERTAKE INTERNATIONAL AND MULTINATIONAL OPERATIONS.

3. USDAO OTTAWA POC IS LTCOL M.E. EARL, MARINE ATTACHE, COMM (613) 688-5382, E-MAIL EARLME2(AT)STATE.GOV, SIPRNET RESEARM(AT)NOTES.DAWN.DIA.SMIL.MIL.